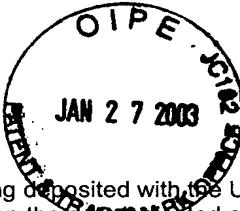


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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the Final Office Action of July 26, 2002 in which the Examiner finally rejected claims 1-20.

The items checked below are appropriate:

[] 1. A timely response to the final rejection is attached.

[X] 2. A Petition for an extension of time to file this Notice, and the fee therefor, for an additional one Month(s) is(are) attached.

[] 3. Small entity status has been established by a entity declaration submitted on _____.

[X] 4. Fee [x] \$320.00 [] \$160.00 is attached.

[] 5. Fee [] \$320.00 [] \$ 160.00 charge Deposit Account 50-1529.

[X] 6. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.

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